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SUBJECT: HARRIMAN COMMENTS ON CUBANS IN AFRICA AND INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT

1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR LESLIE HARRIMAN STOPPED BRIEFLY
IN LAGOS DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 2 EN ROUTE FROM
THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA MEETING IN LUSAKA TO NEW YORK.
AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE HE RESPONDED TO
QUESTIONS ON THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA AND THE INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. FOLLOWING PARAS SUMMARIZE
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HIS COMMENTS AS REPORTED IN APRIL 3 DAILY TIMES:

2. RE CUBA:

--THE CUBAN MILITARY ARE WELCOME AS LONG AS THEY
DO NOT TAKE UP AN OFFENSIVE STANCE AGAINST ANY
SOVEREIGN STATE.

--THE PROBLEM IS NOT WITH THE CUBAN PRESENCE,
RATHER WITH THE EXISTENCE OF IMPERIALISM, RACISM
AND APARTHEID.

--"DISMANTLE THESE EVILS AND CUBA WILL BE NO PROBLEM."

--AFRICAN STATES HAVE A RIGHT TO INVITE THE
CUBANS IN TIMES OF NEED IN THE SAME WAY THE
MOROCCANS AND EGYPTIANS HELPED PRESIDENT MOBUTU
RETAIN POWER IN ZAIRE.

--HE EXPECTED THE CUBAN ISSUE TO FEATURE
PROMINENTLY IN PRESIDENT CARTERS TALKS WITH
THE FMG AND URGED THE FMG TO BE FIRM IN ITS STAND.

3. RE THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA:

--HE HAD CONTEMPT FOR BRITAIN FOR ITS "UNREALISTIC
STAND" ON THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

--HE ACCUSED GREAT BRITAIN OF BEING THE BIGGEST
CULPRIT IN WRECKING INTERNAL EFFORTS TO END RACISM
AND APARTHEID.

--HE "PATTED THE U.S. ON THE BACK" FOR ITS
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